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# COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

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January 7, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ADOPT, ADVERTISE, AND AWARD  
AS-NEEDED EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS FOR LITTLE DALTON  
DEBRIS BASIN, BIG DALTON DEBRIS BASIN, AND PUDDINGSTONE DIVERSION  
DAM AND RESERVOIR IN THE CITIES OF GLENDORA, SAN DIMAS, AND LA VERNE  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 5  
3 VOTES**

### **IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:**

1. Find that this project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act.
2. Approve the project and adopt the plans and specifications for the As-Needed Excavation and Disposal of Debris for Little Dalton Debris Basin, Big Dalton Debris Basin, and Puddingstone Diversion Dam and Reservoir, in the Cities of Glendora, San Dimas, and La Verne (5), at an estimated cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000.

3. Call for bids to be received on February 4, 2003.
4. Instruct the Executive Officer of the Board of Supervisors to advertise the project and to seal and return the plans and specifications to Public Works for filing.
5. Authorize the Director of Public Works to award and execute a contract with the lowest responsible bidder within or less than the estimated construction cost and to approve the Faithful Performance and Labor and Materials Bonds submitted by the contractor.

#### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

This action involves contracting for the removal of sediment from two debris basins and one reservoir. These facilities are located downstream of the Williams Fire and will be subject to large inflows of sediment throughout the rainy season. While Department forces have already begun removing sediment captured during the recent storms, they may need assistance in removing additional accumulations of sediment throughout the remainder of the storm season. This contract will provide for as-needed removal of sediment, with only a few days notification to the contractor, to insure protection to the downstream communities.

We are also recommending that your Board delegate to the Director of Public Works the authority to award and execute the construction contract with the lowest responsible bidder within the estimated construction cost or less. The delegation of this authority allows us to expedite the contracting process so that the contractor will be available to remove sediment as rapidly as possible.

This project is part of Public Works' program for removing sediment from reservoirs and debris basins in order to ensure adequate flood protection to downstream properties.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence since it will provide for improved flood protection to residential communities downstream of the debris basins and dam during major storms.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

The estimated construction cost is in the range of \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

Sufficient funds for this project are available to the Flood Control District.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The enclosed plans and specifications include the contractual provisions, methods, and material requirements necessary for this project. The contract agreement will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the federal income tax laws.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsection (e), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

This project will be contracted on an open competitive bid basis. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder meeting the criteria established by your Board and the California Public Contract Code.

To increase contractor awareness of our program to contract work to the private sector, this project will be listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The project specifications contain provisions 1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, 2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, and 3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program.

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN) Program.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory history of performance, bidders are required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported will be considered before making a recommendation to award.

### **IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES**

The project is to be completed on or before June 30, 2003.

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**CONCLUSION**

Please return one approved copy of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES A. NOYES  
Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

AS-NEEDED EXCAVATION AND DISPOSAL OF DEBRIS FOR LITTLE DALTON  
DEBRIS BASIN, BIG DALTON DEBRIS BASIN, PUDDINGSTONE DIVERSION DAM  
AND RESERVOIR IN THE CITIES OF GLENDORA, SAN DIMAS, AND LA VERNE

INSTRUCTION SHEET FOR PUBLISHING LEGAL ADVERTISEMENT

From: Department of Public Works  
Construction Division

PUBLISHING

In accord with Section 20991 of the Public Contract Code.

Publish: At least five or more times prior to the date set for opening bids, in a daily newspaper of general circulation printed and published in the County and designated by the Board, or for at least two times prior to such date in a weekly newspaper printed and published in the County and designated by the Board.

Time Limitation: To open bids in three weeks.

## NOTICE INVITING BIDS

Sealed Bids will be received by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works for the excavation, removal, and disposal of sediment under Project ID No. FMD0002031, As-Needed Excavation and Disposal of Debris for Little Dalton Debris Basin, Big Dalton Debris Basin, Puddingstone Diversion Dam and Reservoir in the Cities of Glendora, San Dimas, and La Verne.

The Bids must be submitted at the Cashier's Office, west side of main lobby, 900 South Fremont Avenue, Alhambra, California 91803-1331, before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 4, 2003. The Bids will then be publicly opened and read in Conference Room A or at the location posted in the main lobby.

The Work shall be done in accordance with the Plans and Specifications on file and open for inspection at the County Board of Supervisors Executive Office and the Department of Public Works. The Work is estimated to cost between \$1,500,000 and \$2,000,000 and shall be completed on or before June 30, 2003. The Work requires a California Class A or C12 contractor's license. Prebid questions regarding the Plans and Specifications should be directed to Mr. Roger Kohlenberger at (626) 458-4964.

The Bids must be submitted on the Proposal forms included in the Bidder's package of the Contract Documents, which may be purchased for \$15, including postage and handling if mailed, at the aforementioned Cashier's Office, (626) 458-6959, Monday through Thursday between 7 a.m. and 5:30 p.m.

Each Bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or surety bond payable to Los Angeles County in an amount equal to at least 10 percent of the Bid to guarantee that the Bidder will enter into the Contract if it is so awarded.

All persons performing the Work shall be paid not less than the General Prevailing Wage Determination made by the Director of Industrial Relations pursuant to the California Labor Code. Copies of these wage rates are available at the Department of Public Works.

The Bid must provide full disclosure of False Claims Act violations and civil/criminal legal actions as provided for on the three forms included as part of the Proposal. Failure to complete these forms may result in a determination that the Bidder is nonresponsive and/or not responsible.

The Contract, if awarded, will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible Bidder; however, the Board of Supervisors reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

A responsible Bidder is a Bidder who has demonstrated the attribute of trustworthiness, as well as quality, fitness, capacity, and experience to satisfactorily perform the Contract. It is the County's policy to conduct business only with responsible contractors.

The successful Bidder will be required to submit a faithful performance bond, payment bond, liability insurance, and workers' compensation insurance with the Contract.

As provided for in Section 22300 of the California Public Contract Code, the Contractor may substitute securities for any monies withheld by the Department of Public Works to ensure performance under the Contract or enter into an escrow agreement for payment of such monies to an escrow agent.

Each person by submitting a response to this Notice Inviting Bids certifies that such Bidder and each County lobbyist and County lobbying firm, as defined by Los Angeles County Code Section 2.160.010, retained by the bidder, is in full compliance with Chapter 2.160 of the Los Angeles County Code.

Para mas informacion con relacion a esta noticia, por favor llame a este numero (626) 458-3118. Nuestras horas de oficina son de 7 a.m. a 5 p.m. de Lunes a Jueves.

The County supports and encourages equal opportunity contracting.

By order of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California.

Dated January 14, 2002.

Violet Varona-Lukens  
Executive Officer  
of the Board of Supervisors

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